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SKY ABOVE, DEATH BELOW!

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ATTENTION!
DOWN BELOW!
STOP OR
DIE!

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EYE BATTLE
COPTER! WHAT
ARE WE GOING
TO DO,
RAVAGE?

RAVAGE...?

MUST
ESCAPE...
CAN'T--CAN'T
MOVE...

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RAVAGE IS OUR ONLY HOPE-- AND HE'S OUT FOR THE COUNT AFTER HIS BATTLE WITH THOSE SEA CREATURES...

"THE FIGHT TOOK EVERY LAST OUNCE OF HIS STRENGTH..."

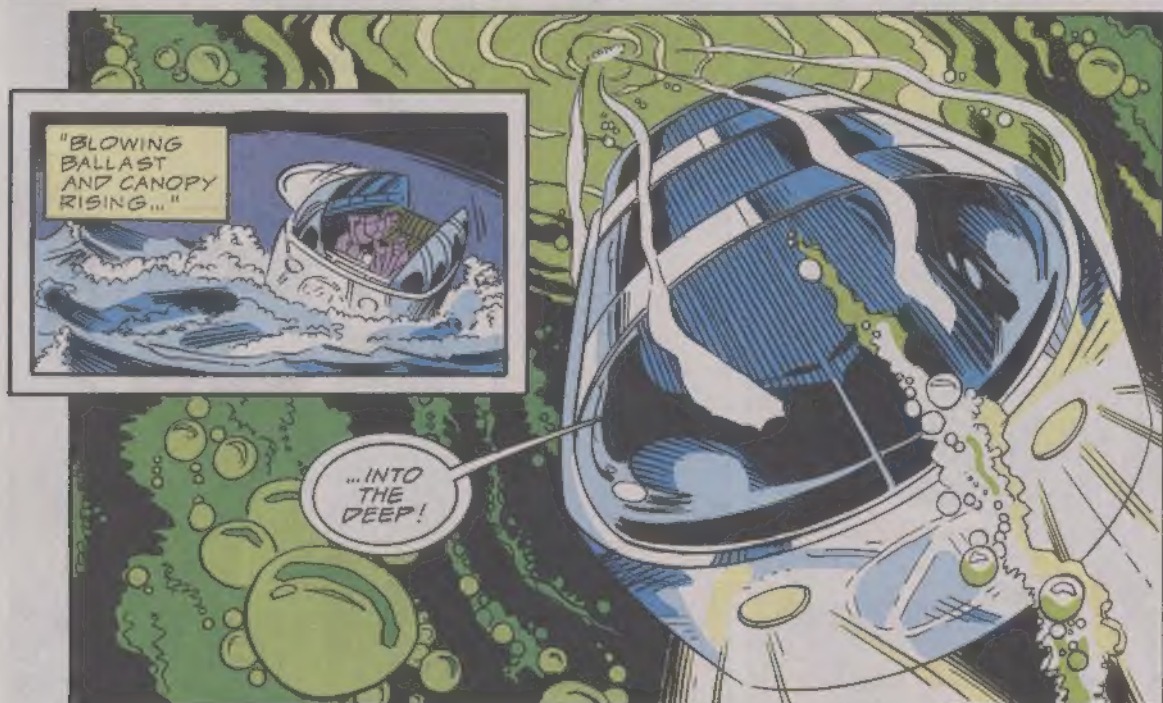
THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN OUTFIGHT OR OUTFLY THEM... NEITHER OF US IS A PILOT.

YEAH-- WE WERE BARELY ABLE TO LIFT THIS TUB TO THE SURFACE!

"...AND THEN GETTING US OUT OF THEIR CITY.

"BUT AFTER BEING DEFEATED BY JUST ONE OF US, THEY'RE NOT LIKELY TO ATTACK THE WHOLE POPULATION-- WHATEVER THEY BOASTED.

"STILL... THEY DON'T KNOW THE WHOLE POPULATION ISN'T LIKE RAVAGE."





THOSE FOOLS
DON'T REALISE
THE EXTENT OF
OUR POWER!



THEY'RE
FOUR METERS
UNDER...D'YOU
WANT ME TO
HIT THE
TRACTION
BEAM, SIR?



OF COURSE, I WANT YOU TO
PLUCK THEM FROM THE WATER
LIKE A DROWNED CANARY...



...UNLIKE
MY OTHER
COLLEAGUES
AT ALCHEMAX,
I DON'T LET
MY TARGETS
GET AWAY!



BEAM
ON!

IN-
CREASING BEAM
POWER AND
COPTER LIFT...
IT'S FREE OF
THE WATER
NOW!

RAVAGE... WE'VE
BEEN CAPTURED...
PLEASE WAKE UP...
THERE MUST BE
SOMETHING YOU
CAN DO.

THIS LEAVES ME WITH AN
AMUSING PROBLEM... HOW
BEST TO DISPOSE OF
MY VICTIMS.

WHAT
DO YOU
THINK,
MY
DEAR?

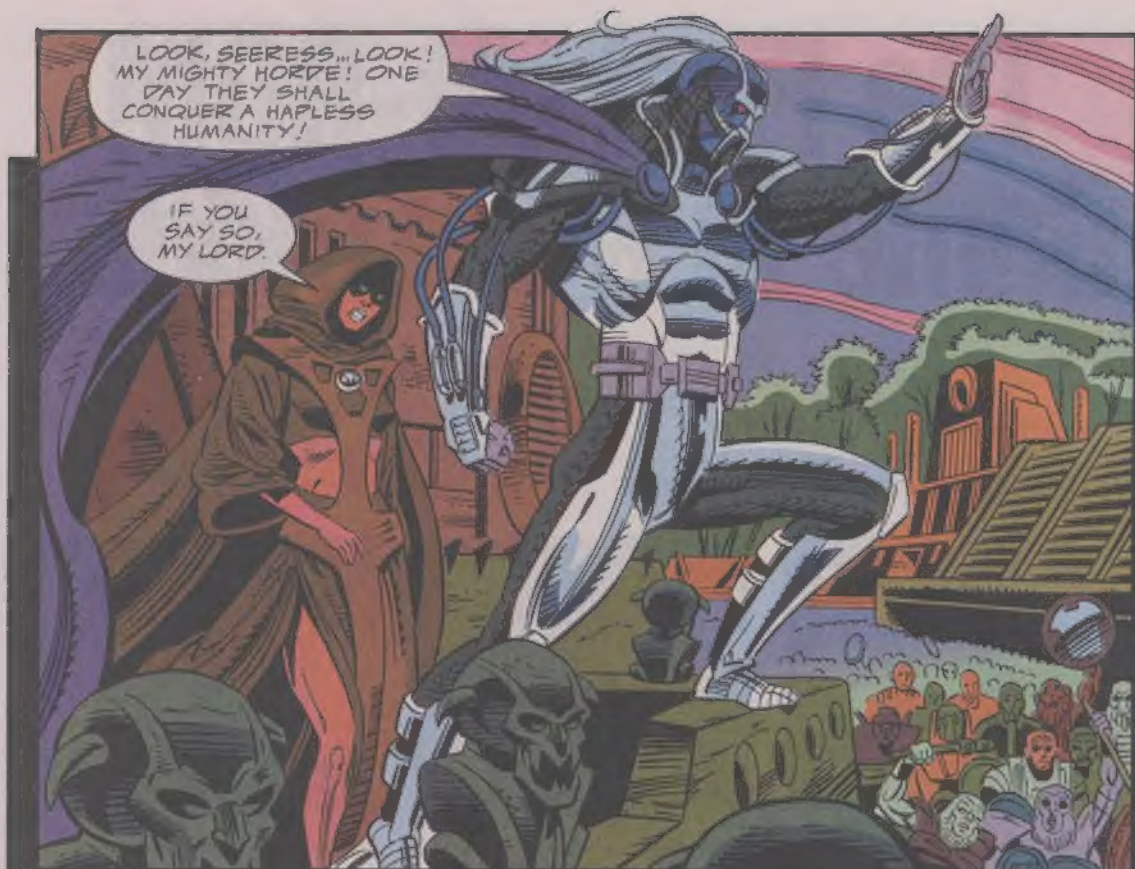
YOU COULD HAND
HIM TO ME FOR...
THOROUGH
INTERROGATION...

"FOR INSTANCE
I COULD CUT OFF
THE RAY AND DROP
THEM ON THE
CITY BELOW..."

"OR PERHAPS
USE RAVAGE AS
TARGET PRACTICE
FOR SOME OF
OUR NEW
WEAPONS."

YES,
I'M SURE...
BUT I HAD
IN MIND
MORE
DIRECT
METHODS...

BUT
I HAVE
ANOTHER
IDEA... LEAVE
ME, MY DEAR...
I HAVE A
VERY PRIVATE
HOL-O-CALL
TO MAKE...



LOOK, SEERESS...LOOK!
MY MIGHTY HORDE! ONE
DAY THEY SHALL
CONQUER A HAPLESS
HUMANITY!

IF YOU
SAY SO,
MY LORD.

THERE IS A HOLO-
CALL FROM HENTON,
MASTER.

I CAN'T
BE BOTHERED
TALKING TO
THAT WRETCHED
WEASEL.


SIRE...
I SENSE
IT IS TO
YOUR
ADVANTAGE
TO TAKE
THE
CALL.

YES, HENTON...
WHY DO YOU
DISTURB
ME?


DETHSTRYK...
I HAVE GOOD
NEWS FOR
YOU. I HAVE IN
MY POSSESSION
A WEAK AND
DEFEATED
RAVAGE. I
INTEND TO
KILL HIM...JUST
THOUGHT I'D
INFORM YOU
FIRST.




WHAT?!!




DELIVER HIM TO ME,
DO YOU HEAR? A
MISTAKE IN THIS
MATTER WILL COST
YOU DEARLY!



RAVAGE
MUST DIE BY
MY HAND! AND
MY HAND
ALONE!




I HEAR YOU,
DETHSTRYK... BUT
I'M GETTING TIRED
OF YOUR THREATS
--WE'RE WORKING
TOGETHER,
REMEMBER?




HE'S TRYING TO
SAY SOMETHING,
BUT HE'S TOO
WEAK...

HERE, MAN... WRITE
IT DOWN. I FOUND
THIS ANTIQUE PENCIL
AND PAPER UNDER
THE SEAT.



TAKE YOUR
TIME, RAVAGE...
IF THEY WERE
GOING TO DROP
US, THEY'D HAVE
DONE IT BY
NOW.



RIGHT...
"GLOVES
OFF"...
YOU'RE
GOING TO
GET
REALLY
MEAN
NOW,
HUH?

GLOVES OFF



I CAN'T HANDLE ANY-MORE OF YOUR BOMBASTIC RANTINGS, DETHSTRYK... I'M NOT ONE OF YOUR MUTROID FLUNKIES...

HOW DARE YOU?! YOU WILL ANSWER WITH YOUR LIFE!

I'VE GOT HIGHER POWERS THAN YOU TO ANSWER TO... I'M SEVERING MY CONNECTION TO HELLROCK...

...YOU'RE JUST NOT A MAJOR PLAYER ANY-MORE!

DIE, HUMAN OFFAL!

WOAHH! SCARY! BEATING UP A HOLOGRAM! I'M OUT OF HERE!

WHAT DID HE MEAN, SEERESS? WHAT HIGHER POWER IS THERE THAN THE LORD OF HELLROCK...?

THERE IS A HIDDEN AND UNSEEN PLAYER SHORTLY TO BE REVEALED... A MANIPULATOR PULLING THE STRINGS TO ALL THE POWERS AT ALCHEMAX...

ONE WHO SEEKS TO DIRECT HUMAN DESTINY FOR HIS OWN ENDS...

I SPEAK OF... AVATARR!

THUNDERBOLTS

MARK'S REMARKS

Last year Bill Mantlo, one of Marvel's most prolific writers of the 70s and 80s, was seriously injured by a hit and run driver. He has been hospitalized since then and until recent weeks lay in a coma. He is now undergoing rehabilitative therapy but due to the extensive nature of his injuries, it is not known to what degree Bill will ultimately recover.

Bill created a whole slew of popular characters for Marvel — Cloak and Dagger, Rocket Raccoon, the White Tiger, Jack of Hearts, and Woodgod, to name just a few — and put in memorable stunts writing THE MICRONAUTS, ROM, INCREDIBLE HULK, ALPHA FLIGHT, SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN, MARVEL TEAM-UP, IRON MAN, SWORDS OF THE SWASH-BUCKLERS and at least one issue of every book Marvel had up to that time produced. His writing for Marvel helped finance his way through law school and he was a practicing lawyer at the time of the accident.

Truly Bill left an indelible mark on the Marvel Universe and Marvelcom Assembled owes a debt of gratitude to him for sharing his imagination and creativity with us. If you'd like to personally send Bill your best wishes, we know he'd enjoy hearing from you. Address your cards and letters to

William Mantlo
Gayford Hospital
Gayford Farm Road
Wellingford, CT 06492

— Mark Gruenwald

They called it the Blizzard of the Century! It struck last March, hitting harder than Thunderstrike's mace. Of course it wasn't really the Blizzard of the Century, but the label-happy media had to call it something, and "Terror in the Towers" had already been taken.

The snow fell on some of our own creative flakes pretty hard. Now that we've finally managed to dig them out, let's plow through and see what they had to say.

Inker supreme Terry Austin, who is still waiting for the spring thaw, said "I saved the life of a

gone out there for Mike's birthday dinner, and the weather was so bad, I couldn't go home. So I stayed indoors, playing with my new four-week old ferret named Sneakers!" (Rumor has it that Hollywood wants to buy the rights to Renee's snow-bound story of survival, but in the movie version, the ferret gets eaten.)

Proofreader Jack Abel, who spent the weekend making snow Arch-angels, said, "I don't have any stories about the Blizzard of '93. But I can tell you an interesting story about the Blizzard of '47. I was stuck in a building, playing cards all night, and the next morning, the snow was so bad, we couldn't leave. So we kept on playing cards."

BARBIE editor Hildy Mesnik was able to enjoy the blizzard, since she never had to lift a shovel! Said Hildy, "I spent the whole day in Central Park. It was beautiful. It was like a fantasyland that day!" (Even the street gangs traded their switchblades for snowballs!)

NIGHTSTALKERS penciler Kirk Van Wormer said, "I didn't even know there was a '93 blizzard! Hildy doesn't let me out much!"

NOMAD penciler Patrick Oliffe didn't do much wandering that weekend. As Pat put it, "I'm against shoveling snow when it's coming down quicker than I can shovel it!" AMAZING SPIDER-MAN penciler Mark Bagley said he spent the weekend sliding sleds instead of spinning webs. Adjectiveless SPIDER-MAN artist Tom Lyle said he was trapped indoors all weekend, like a fly in a web.

But the worst blizzard horror story of all is that of editor Terry Kavanagh, who spent 36 straight hours trapped in various airports —



fellow Marvel freelancer! (SILVER SURFER writer) Ron Marz was trapped by five-foot drifts in his driveway, so I drove him to the grocery store. I don't know if Ron would agree with me that I saved his life, but thanks to me, he had Rice Krispies in his house that weekend!

HELLSTORM penciler Michael Bair had a cold time in the old town that night. "I went sliding down my stoop," Mike said, "because the snow had turned to ice. Maybe it was the curse of Hellstorm that sent me down the steps!"

Editor Renee Witterstaetter said the blizzard hit her like a flurry of new mutant titles. "I was holed up in (SHE-HULK inker) Mike and Tracey DeCarlo's house," Renee began. I had

enough time to qualify him as a licensed pilot! Terry had been on a ski trip in Aspen, which he said was "great," but his trip back turned into a worse nightmare than those biweekly deadlines on MARVEL COMICS PRESENTS! As Terry put it, "The lowest moment came when I was at Stapleton Airport in Denver. Since my luggage was lost, I had to walk a mile down the road to buy socks and underwear at a truck stop, since I had no clothes!" Reportedly, Hollywood has turned down Terry's story, saying that it's too frightening for small children. The whole experience taught Terry a valuable lesson: "I'm never leaving New York again!" he said. So the next time we have a Blizzard of the Century, save a shovel for Terry!


HYPELINE: ON SALE THIS WEEK

- ☐ ALPHA FLIGHT #122: Infinity Crusade tie-in! Plus, Puck Alone!
- ☐ AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #379: Spidey, Venom, and the Fantastic Four make three or, er!
- ☐ BARBIE #31: Time for a little R & R!
- ☐ DARKHOLD #10: Would you let a lad named Jinx join your team?
- ☐ GHOST RIDER #39: Vengeance is the Spirit of Vengeance!
- ☐ GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY #36: An unexpected villain shows up — and no, it's not the Trappert!
- ☐ INVADERS #3 of 4: Cap, Namor, and the Torch in World War II action with an attitude!
- ☐ LANCE BARNES: POST NUKE DICK #4 of 4: Lance is fighting ex-

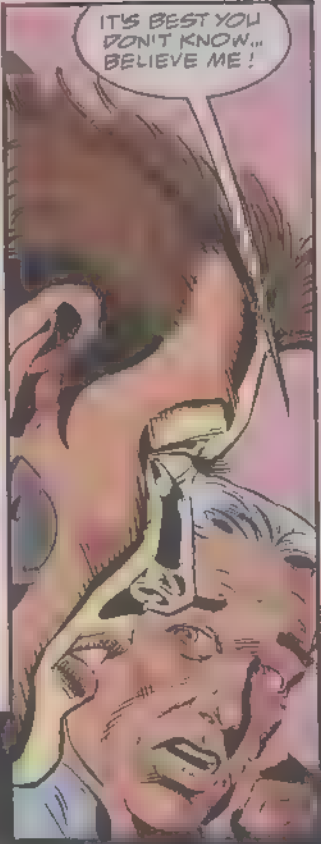
- ☐ bankers. That's got our interest!
- ☐ MARVEL COMICS #132: The writing debut of growing greenberg!
- ☐ MARVEL SUPER HEROES #14: With Mike Rockwitz, 6 Speedball story — years in the making!
- ☐ MIDNIGHT MEN #2 of 4: One Midnight Man is down! Time to recruit another!
- ☐ OFFCASTS #1 of 3: Heavy hitting sci-fi in a hour!
- ☐ PENDRAGON 2 #13: Death's Head 2 plus Pendragon 2 = Action!
- ☐ PUNISHER WAR ZONE #17: A dam blows up, and Frank blows his fuse!
- ☐ QUASAR #48: Battle of the bonds, as Thunderstrike battles Quasar!

- ☐ RAVAGE 2099 #8: First there was Lee/Kirby. Now there's Lee/Hyatt!
- ☐ REN & STIMPY TPB: RUNNING JOKE: Reprinting issues 1-4, plus some new fat, bloated stones, you know!
- ☐ SAVAGE SWORD OF CONAN #211: "Red Nails 2: The Next Day!"
- ☐ SECRET DEFENDERS #5: The team gets in theiricks on Route 66!
- ☐ SILVER SABLE #14: Guest-starring Cage and Terror — and Silver still can't get a date!
- ☐ SLEEPWALKER #28: A new origin for Sleepy (No, he's not from Slumberland!)
- ☐ SPIDER-MAN TPB: ORIGIN OF THE HOBGOBLIN. Once upon a


- time, there was a little baby goblin
- ☐ WARHEADS: BLACK DAWN #1 of 2: When Morbius & Ghost Rider show up, it's flaming, fangling fun!
- ☐ WILD THING #4: She'll make everything groovy!
- ☐ WOLVERINE #71: Is Magneto really dead? How about Bucky? And what about Gwen Stacy?
- ☐ WONDER MAN #23: Wondy makes a deal with the Grim Reaper!
- ☐ WONDER MAN ANNUAL #2: The Hit-Maker steals Wondy's thunder!
- ☐ X-FACTOR #92: 30th anniversary extravaganza featuring the return of Magn'pops (who's gave it away!)
- ☐ X-MEN ADVENTURES #9: Cosmos debuts and Juggernaut gives him a special welcome




SIR... I HEARD SOME
OF THAT... I THOUGHT
YOU... AND TYLER STONE
AND FEARMASTER...
PRETTY MUCH RULED
THE ROOST AT
ALCHEMAX.



IT'S BEST YOU
DON'T KNOW...
BELIEVE ME!



YOU
MEAN
THERE'S
SOMEONE
ABOVE
ALL OF
YOU?




WHAT
THE
SHOCK?

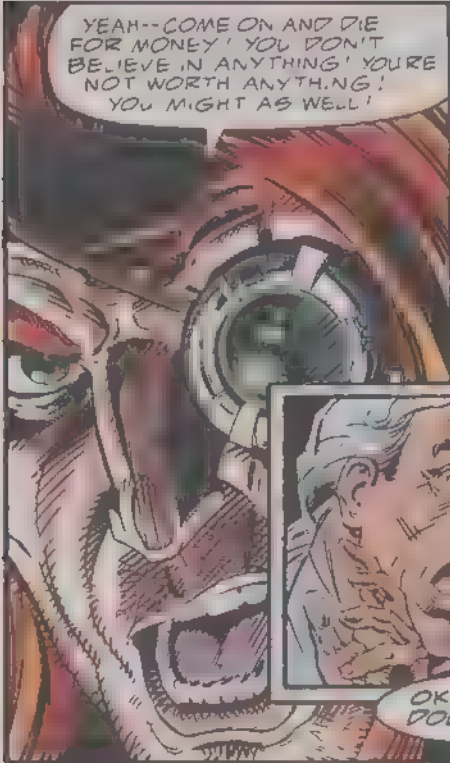


S
TH S
H N
SIR?

KBOOM



NO IT'S SOMEONE
ELSE YOU'VE GOT
TO BE SCARED OF!
I'M HERE - AND
I'M IN YOUR
FACE!





WHAT A
BUNCH OF
JERKS!

IF
YOU'RE
EXPECTING
ME TO BEG
FOR MERCY,
YOU CAN
FORGET IT!
BLAST AWAY,
MURDERER!
I'M
READY!

GET
OUT OF
HERE, LADY..
YOU'RE NOT
MY ENEMY...
WHY
SHOULD
I HURT
YOU?

YOU...
YOU'RE
PUTTING
YOUR
GLOVES
BACK
ON?

I HEARD
YOU WERE
A RUTHLESS
KILLER! A
MANIAC!



YOU WATCH
TOO MUCH
HOLOVISION,
BABE!



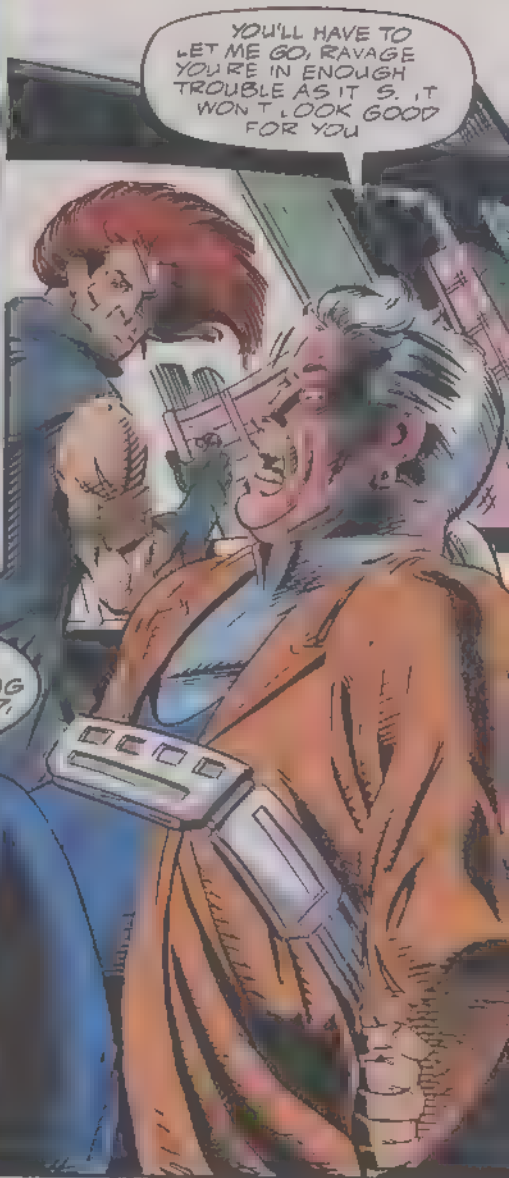
GET THAT 'COPTER
OUT OF HERE!
YOU'RE POLLUTING
THE AIR!



DID YOU
GET MY
PACKAGE?



FAT, TRUSSED
AND WAITING.



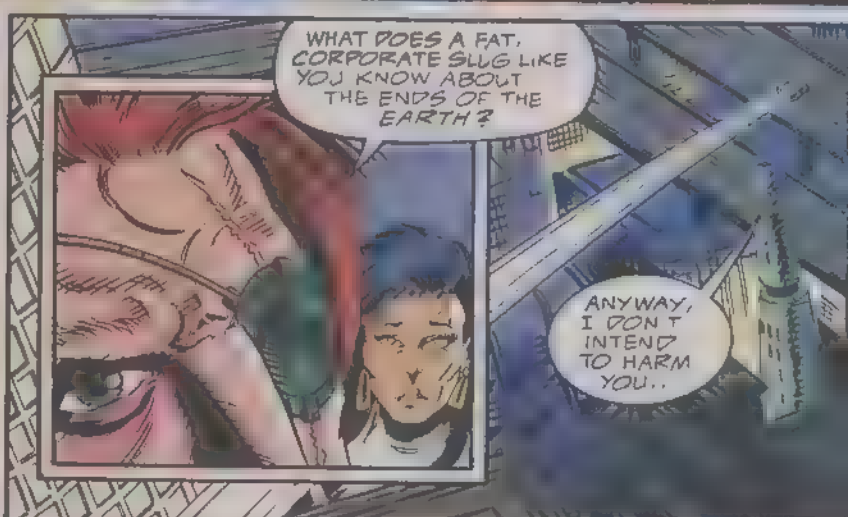
YOU'LL HAVE TO
LET ME GO, RAVAGE
YOU'RE IN ENOUGH
TROUBLE AS IT IS. IT
WON'T LOOK GOOD
FOR YOU



I THINK
WE'RE A LITTLE
BEYOND WANTING
TO LOOK GOOD,
HENTON.

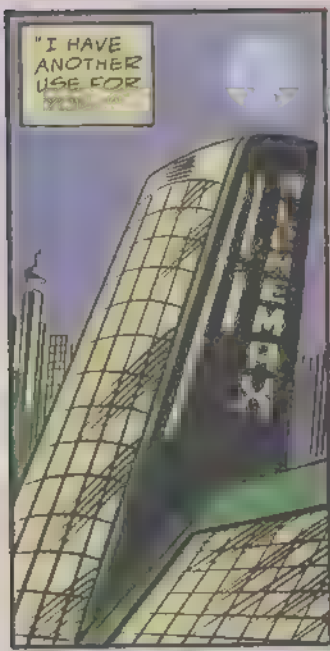


PUT IT ANOTHER
WAY, TOUCH ME AND
MY MEN WILL HUNT
YOU TO THE ENDS
OF THE EARTH



WHAT DOES A FAT,
CORPORATE SLUG LIKE
YOU KNOW ABOUT
THE ENDS OF THE
EARTH?

ANYWAY,
I DON'T
INTEND
TO HARM
YOU..

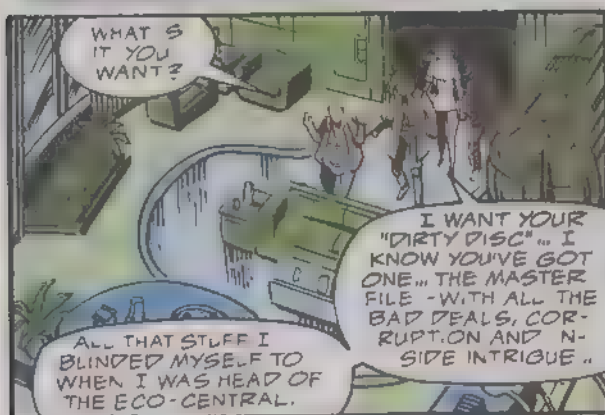


"I HAVE
ANOTHER
USE FOR
THIS"



BACK OFF--OR
I'LL VENTILATE YOUR
BOSS!

GUNS DOWN!
HE MEANS IT!
HE MEANS T!



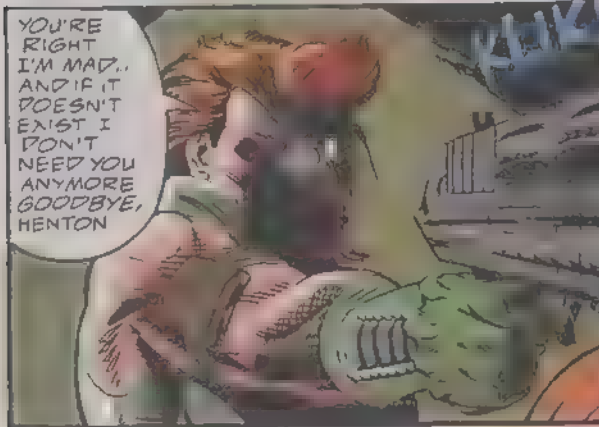
WHAT IS
IT YOU
WANT?

I WANT YOUR
"DIRTY DISC" I
KNOW YOU'VE GOT
ONE-- THE MASTER
FILE -- WITH ALL THE
BAD DEALS, COR-
RUPTION AND N-
SIDE INTRIGUE "

ALL THAT STUFF I
BLINDED MYSELF TO
WHEN I WAS HEAD OF
THE ECO-CENTRAL.



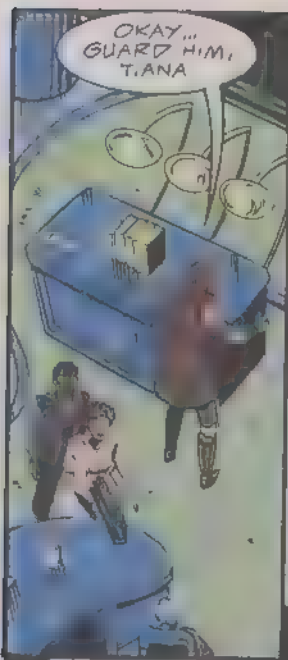
I DON'T
KNOW WHAT
YOU'RE TALK-
ING ABOUT
IT DOESN'T
EXIST
YOU'RE
MAD



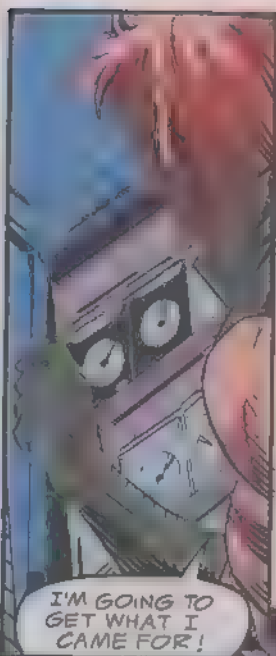
YOU'RE
RIGHT
I'M MAD..
AND IF IT
DOESN'T
EXIST I
DON'T
NEED YOU
ANYMORE
GOODBYE,
HENTON



OKAY,
OKAY.. IT'S
IN THE SIDE
OF THAT
CABINET



OKAY...
GUARD HIM,
TANA



I'M GOING TO
GET WHAT I
CAME FOR!



THIS IS IT... DISC
DF358. THIS IS THE
ONE MY SYSTEM
COULD NEVER ACCESS
WHEN I WAS HEAD
OF ECO... FIFTEEN
HUNDRED MEGA-
BYTES OF HARD
INFORMATION!



EVER THE HERO,
RAVAGE...

DON'T YOU
EVER GET
TIRED BY
YOUR OWN
RIGHTEOUS-
NESS?



UNFORTUNATELY
FOR YOU,
I AM!

KOFF!
KOFF!

STUN GAS!
COVER YOUR
MOUTHS!



HE'S ESCAPED
DOWN THAT
TRAP DOOR!



DON'T
FOLLOW HIM...
I'VE GOT A
FEELING
HE'S COMING
BACK.

HOW INTUITIVE.



WELL, INTUIT YOUR WAY OUT OF THIS ONE, BOZO.

BLOW HIM AWAY, MEN!

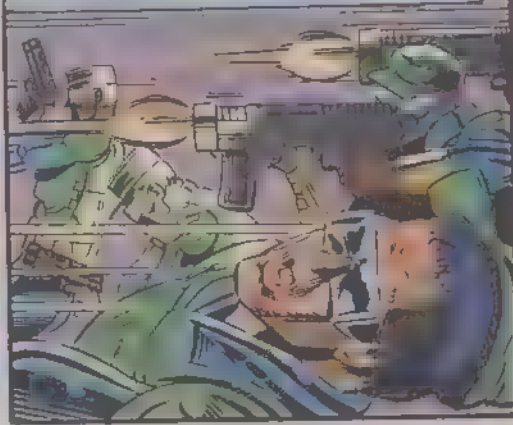


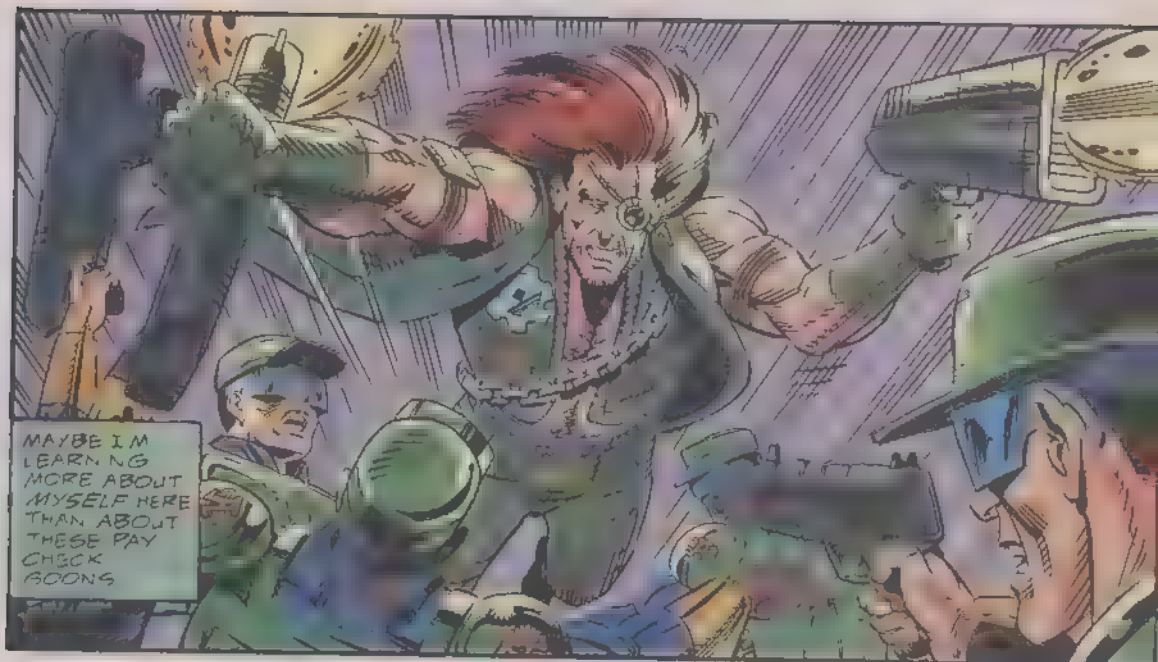
TIANA--GIVE ME THE GUN... I'LL DRAW THEIR FIRE.

SOME OF THESE MEN WERE UNDER MY COMMAND... THEY WOULDN'T FIRE ON AN UNARMED WOMAN.

S THAT RIGHT?

"WELL, YOU'D BETTER TELL THEM THAT!"



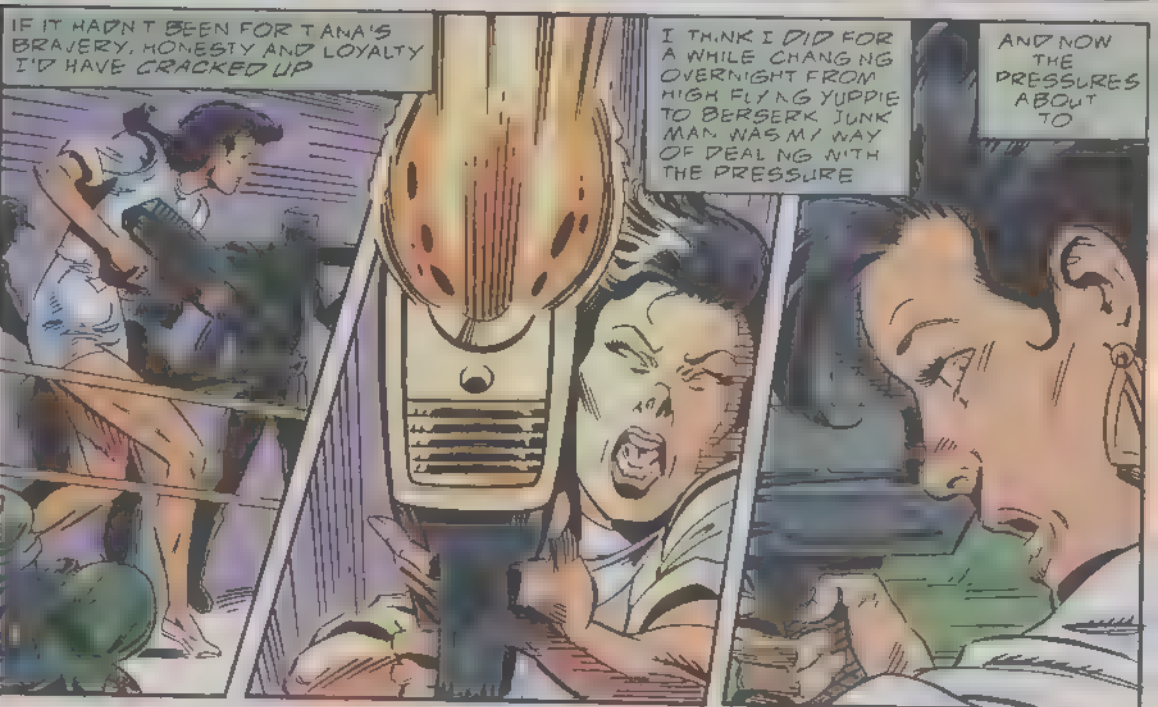


MAYBE I'M
LEARNING
MORE ABOUT
MYSELF HERE
THAN ABOUT
THESE PAY
CHECK
BOONS



IT TOOK THE
MURDER OF
DACK'S DAD
BY MY OWN
MEN TO MAKE
ME FACE THE
TRUTH

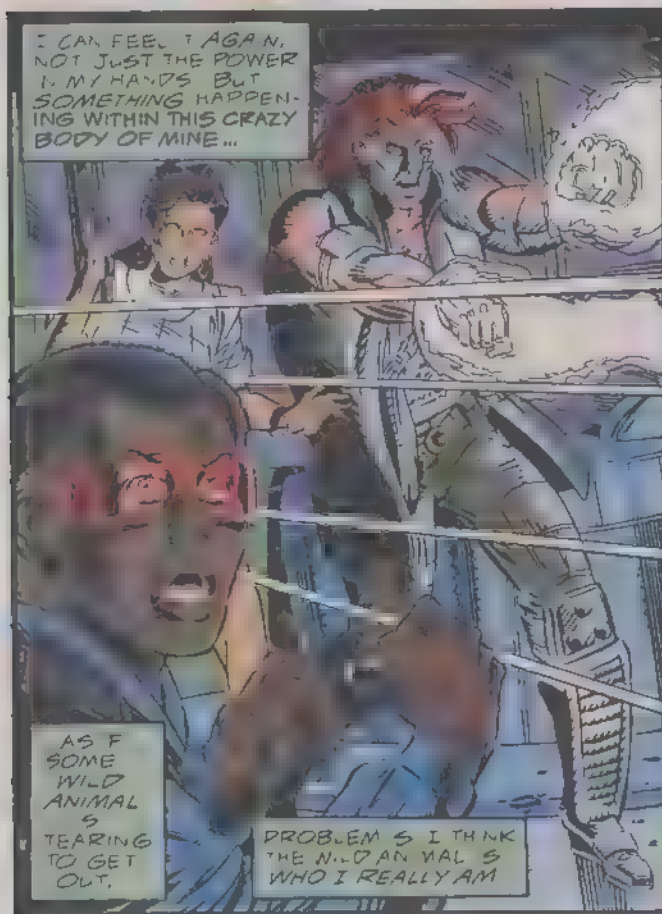
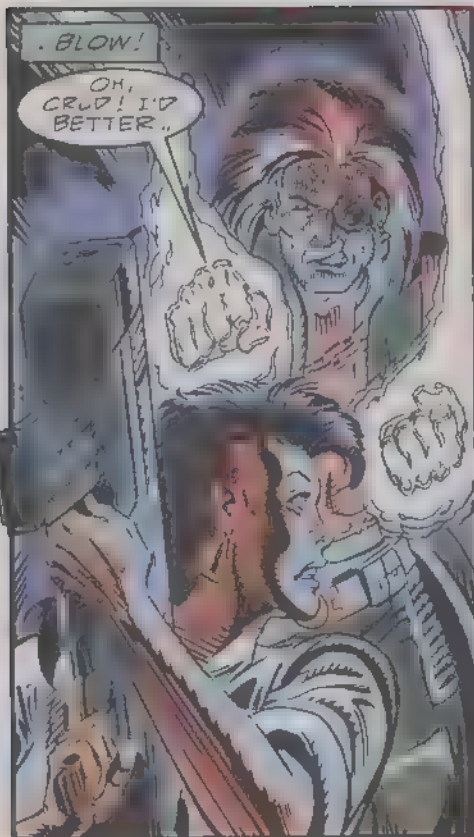
WHEN I WAS HEAD
OF THE ECO-POLICE,
I WAS FOOLING
MYSELF THAT WE
WERE REALLY
MAKING A DIF-
FERENCE TO THE
ENVIRONMENT.



IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR TANA'S
BRAVERY, HONESTY AND LOYALTY
I'D HAVE CRACKED UP

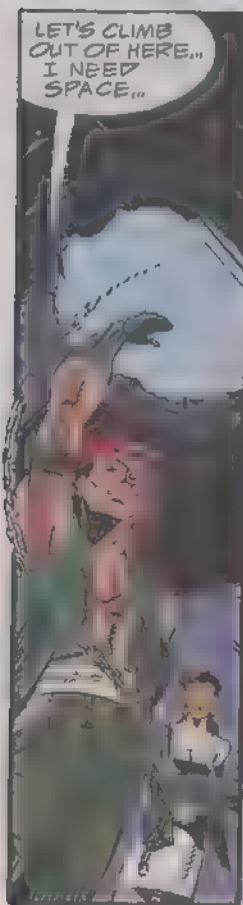
I THINK I DID FOR
A WHILE CHANGING
OVERNIGHT FROM
HIGH FLYING YUPPIE
TO BERSERK JUNK
MAN WAS MY WAY
OF DEALING WITH
THE PRESSURE

AND NOW
THE
PRESSURES
ABOUT
TO

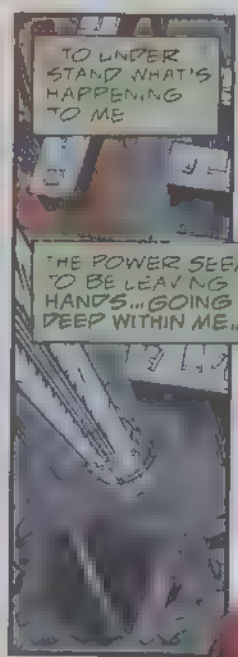




COME ON--
WE'VE DONE
ENOUGH I
DON'T WANT TO
KILL THEM
ALL.



LET'S CLIMB
OUT OF HERE...
I NEED
SPACE...

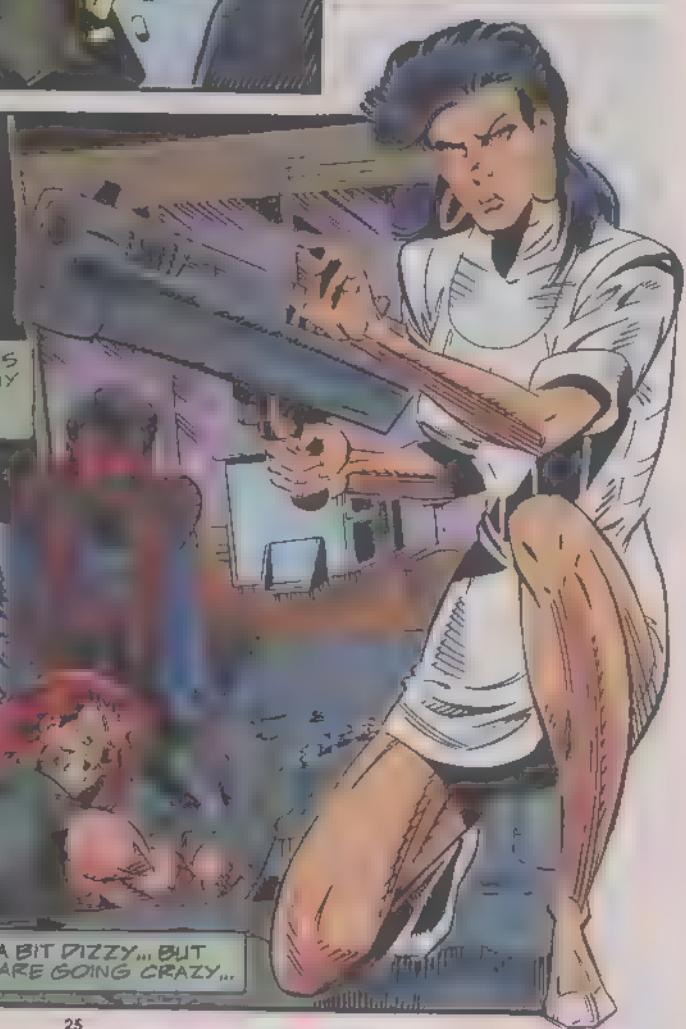


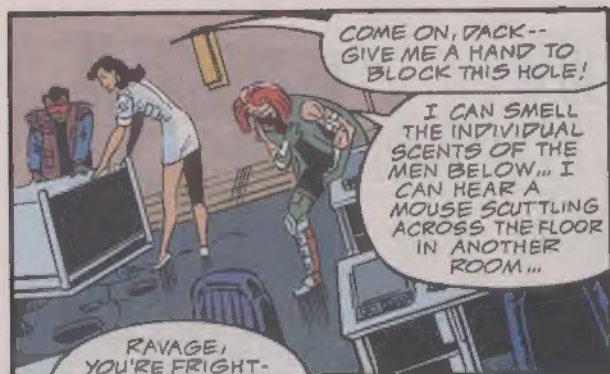
TO UNDER
STAND WHAT'S
HAPPENING
TO ME

THE POWER SEEMS
TO BE LEAVING MY
HANDS... GOING
DEEP WITHIN ME...



I'M FEELING A BIT DIZZY... BUT
MY SENSES ARE GOING CRAZY...





COME ON, DACK--
GIVE ME A HAND TO
BLOCK THIS HOLE!

I CAN SMELL
THE INDIVIDUAL
SCENTS OF THE
MEN BELOW... I
CAN HEAR A
MOUSE SCUTTLE
ACROSS THE FLOOR
IN ANOTHER
ROOM...

RAVAGE,
YOU'RE FRIGH-
TENING ME... WHAT'S
GOING ON WITH
YOU?

I WAS
HOPING
SOMEBODY
WOULD
TELL
ME.



LET'S GET BACK
TO THE ROOF...
THEY'LL BE COMING
AFTER US IN A
MINUTE... I CAN
HEAR THEM
BELOW...



...THEY'RE
SHOUTING
VICTORY...



"BUT I CAN
SMELL THE
FEAR."



THEY'RE ON THE
RUN! DON'T YOU
SEE-- THEY'RE
HEADED FOR
THE ROOF...

WE'VE GOT
THEM TRAPPED!
WE CAN BLOW
THEM TO THE
SKY!

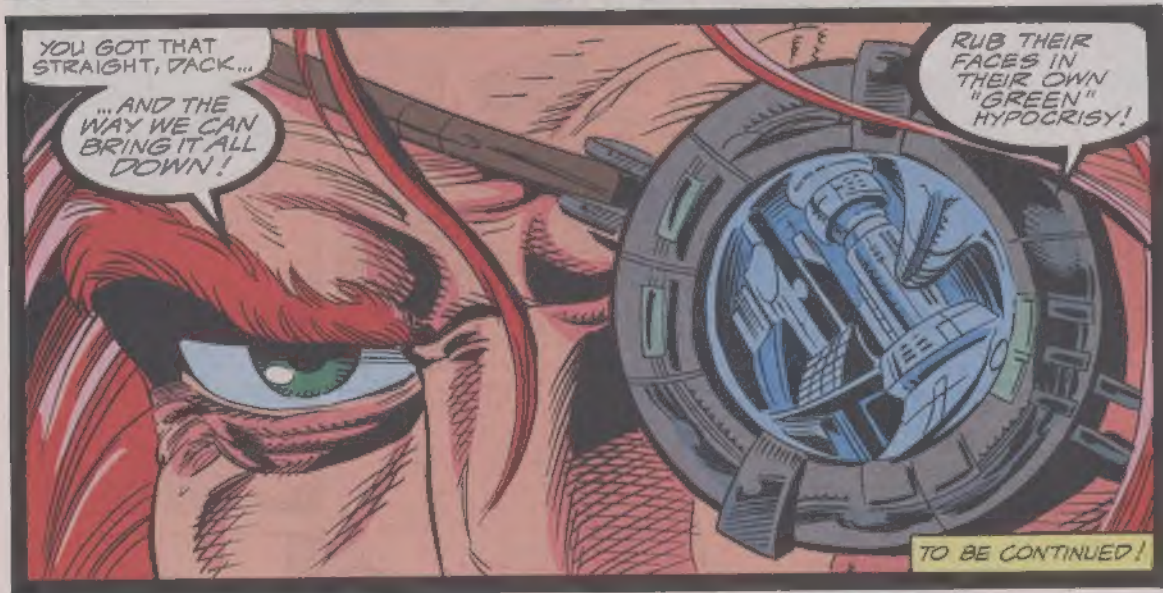
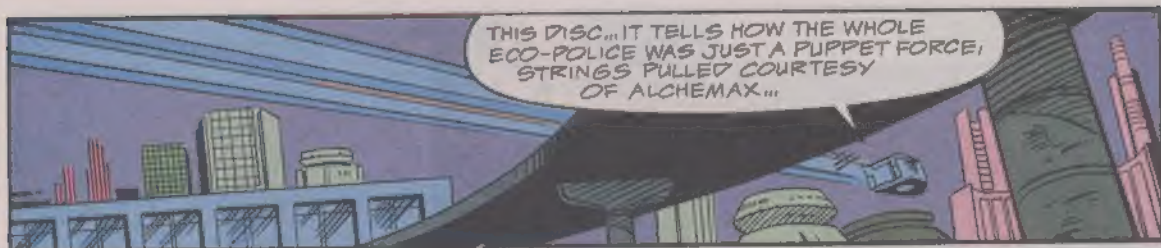


YOU MEAN
LIKE WE DID
LAST TIME,
SIR?



DON'T GET
SMART WITH
ME, SOLDIER.
DOUBLE
PROMOTION
FOR THE MAN
WHO BRINGS
THEM
DOWN!





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OUT OF MY HEAD

The environment has been ravaged. Our resources have been ravaged. Our cities have been ravaged.

Just as super heroes were born as a wish for relief from the Great Depression, a new kind of hero should be — must be — born to battle the new plagues that endanger our planet; terrors undreamed of in the times of the first caped crimefighter.

But this is 2099, and we have to look ahead. Ravage will become even more connected with what's left of the environment... in a way that will shock and confound you... yet be absolutely right.

As they say in the comic books, "To be continued..."

Dear Rants & Raves,

Should Ravage have a team of goons hanging around him? No! No! Never! Say it won't be so! There — that's my vote. It'll ruin the book.

If you want to try a sixth 2099 title, like X-MEN 2099, go right ahead, but don't force a team on any 2099 character, except Doom, who needs it, since he's 100 years out of his own timeline.

For your 2099 UNLIMITED let's see Wolverine, Tigra, Ghost Rider, Thor, Hulk, Dr. Strange, Silver Surfer, Daredevil, Captain America, Storm, Bishop and Rogue.

Until next ish.

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You want the Hulk in 2099 UNLIMITED, you got him, Dan!

Dear Joey and Sarra,

Since I practically grew up with Stan Lee's highly enjoyable and intense stories, reading them literally from cover to cover, you can imagine how overwhelmed with joy and excitement I was when, last year, I heard that the man without whom the Marvel Universe as we know it today wouldn't even exist, would once again be writing a new series about a character he designed himself!

As if I wasn't happy enough, I also heard that this new series would be drawn by no one else than the man whose artwork I've always considered to be among the best ever to emerge from Marvel, but unfortunately also the man whose work seemed to be unnoticed by the public; Paul Ryan! To me, even months before I actually got to see the first issue of their new book, RAVAGE 2099 was simply not to be missed. When the first issue finally hit the stands and I bought my copy in order to read it cover to cover, just like the old days, I had only one word to say: "Absolutely amazing!" — okay that's two words, but who's counting anyway?

Now that I've read the first five issues of

this new series, I'm finally able to say a little more than that. It's time to write you a letter to express my feelings of joy to you all.

First, let me say that I wasn't disappointed in Stan Lee at all because I feel he has adapted his writing style to the standards of today just fine. In fact, his stories are even better than most of the material currently being published, not only because they are extremely suspenseful but also because the characterization of both the hero and the supporting cast are incredibly well done.

Looking at the most recent RAVAGE, issue #5, you can see the best example of Stan's superb characterization, when Ravage discovers his new powers. I only hope Ravage survived that cave-in on the last page and that he'll still be around next issue, so that we'll be able to see how he'll handle his new-found powers. They'll make him an even more formidable hero.

Another nice touch in RAVAGE #5 was the introduction of the future Atlantis, led by the mysterious beast called Dragon-klaw, whose very name sends chills down one's spine. Then, of course, the shortest guest appearance ever to grace the pages of a comic book, by none other than Spider-Man was also a great touch, but to be honest, I'd rather see a real guest star in the next few issues (how about a team-up with the Punisher?).

As a long time reader of Marvel Comics, I want you to know that I'm behind RAVAGE 2099 all the way and I'm sure Stan and Paul will continue to surprise us by creating suspenseful, intriguing and exciting stories month after month. I especially want to thank Stan, because it must've taken a lot of courage to come up and start writing a monthly book again after all those years.

Eric de Klok
(Address withheld by request)

If you think that takes courage, Eric, how about the courageous guys who had to follow Stan and Paul this issue! Actually, this issue marks a milestone. Stan's globe-trotting duties as Marvel's good will ambassador, deal maker and trouble-shooter have finally become so overwhelming that he's had to put his creation into other, capable hands. The torch has been passed to Pat Mills and Tony Skinner, who have brought tight plotting and sharp characterization to our companion book, THE PUNISHER 2099. The changing of the guard starts this ish!

Dear Rants and Raves,

I just finished reading RAVAGE #5 — another brilliant masterpiece by Stan Lee. I was wondering what exactly Alchemax is — factory, mob, or business?

I've also got an idea for a special guest appearance in RAVAGE. You could guest star Cable! He can teleport through time,

so why couldn't he stop by the year 2099? I also found a resemblance between the guns.

Well, until Ravage dyes his hair purple, make mine Marvel!

Jason Sereno
(Address withheld by request)

Jason, Alchemax is the corporation that rules the territory of what was the northeastern United States in the year 2099. No plans for Cable anytime soon, but keep on the lookout for X-MEN 2099!

Dear Rants and Raves,

First I want to congratulate Stan Lee on the great story. Ever since I read RAVAGE 2099 #1 I was hooked — it's the best!

1) Are you thinking of making cards, figures, or shirts?

2) Are you planning on doing any cross-overs in the future?

3) When is the first "special cover" going to come out?

4) Once Ravage defeats Dethstryk, how will he get to Mr. Henton, now that he is Mutroid?

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1) A shirt is already available at most local comics shops! As for the rest, we keep hearing plans...

2) Yes! "The Fall of the Hammer" will cross over all four 2099 books this December!

3) We did one for #1, and so far, that's plenty!

4) Henton and Ravage have a showdown this issue!

NEXT ISSUE: Think Ravage has been through some strange changes lately? You ain't seen nothin' yet! The new power our hero's got leads to... "Bio-Crash!"

MORE OF MARVEL 2099

SPIDER-MAN 2099 #9 Last chance to see Kelley Jones and Mark McKenna's wild take on our web-spinning wonder, in the episode we should have titled... "The Wrath of Mom!"

DOOM 2099 #7 Doom and Wire are prisoners of "A Region of Ether and Sighs." They've met some bizarre characters in the Cyberverse, but none like Paloma!

THE PUNISHER 2099 #6 At last! Hand to hand combat with the menacing Multi-Fractor in a stadium made for "Techno-Gladiators!"

2099 UNLIMITED #1 When we say "unlimited," we mean it! The Hulk 2099 makes his debut... and so does a new super-villain for Spidey!